

William Carroll to Andrew Jackson, December 14, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM CARROLL TO JACKSON.¹

¹ Carroll was elected major-general of the second division of Tennessee militia, Jackson's old position, about the middle of October. He proceeded to raise the Western Tennessee quota called for by Jackson and set out for New Orleans by water on Nov. 27.

Natchez, December 14, 1814.

Sir, We arrived here last night at 10 O'clock after a prosperous Voyage of 18 days from Nashville.

I had expected to receive orders from you at this place pointing out our destination. But being disappointed I have despatched Colonel Hines to your Head Quarters in order to learn your pleasure on that subject. The Troops having been much fatigued by incessant duty require some relaxation and an opportunity of Washing their cloathes. Besides we have some sick, who will require every possible care and attention and in conformity with that design I shall establish a hospital and leave them here. A Keel Boat is in company with us or a little distance in our rear frieghted with about 14.00 stand of Arms and amunition for the use of the Army;² and a great number of my Men, being badly armed, and many others not armed at all, I wish to ascertain if you will not permit me to furnish them from this boat. After remaining here one day or two at farthiest I shall

² A part of a supply sent from Pittsburgh early in November. A. R. Woolley, deputy commissary of ordnance, wrote from that place, i. e., Fort Lafayette, to Jackson Nov. 8, 1814, as follows:

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“ *Sir*: I have the honor to inform you that agreeably to the orders of the Honbl. the Secy of War, I have caused to be delivered over to the Q. Masters Dept. 5000 stands arms with accoutrements Flints etc. and 300000 Musket Catridges to be forwarded with the least possible delay to Baton Rouge which Place I presume they will reach in 20 or 23 days from this date. The secy of war is desirous of having in addition to the above mentioned arms etc. 4 or 5000 stands arms forwd to Baton Rouge, as many more will be forwarded as our Deposit at Franklinton ohio will afford and measures will be taken to have them forwd as soon as possible.

“In addition I have been directed that if from any information I might suppose any more artillery would be servicable in your quarter I would forward such as could be spared and of the calibers and kind I might Judge advisable. I shall have it in my power to forward you on the receipt of and order from you any artillery ordnance Stores and Equipments you may require and if the navigation will permit they will reach you by mid winter.”

fall down to Baton-rouge where I understand Genl. Coffee is stationed with his Brigade of mounted Men, and where I will await the return of Colo Hines and your orders.

I have the honor to be